

**Petition for Visitation by Grandparent and Stepparent  
Upon the Death of Parent  
Section 880.155**

**Section 980.155 Visitation by grandparents and stepparents**

(I) In this section, "stepparent" means the surviving spouse of a deceased parent of a minor child, whether or not the surviving spouse has remarried.

(2) If one or both parents of a minor child are deceased and the child is in the custody of the surviving parent or any other person, a grandparent or stepparent of the child may petition for visitation privileges with respect to the child, *whether or not* the person with custody is married. The grandparent or stepparent may file the petition in a guardianship or temporary guardianship proceeding under this chapter that affects the minor child or may file the petition to commence an independent action under this chapter. The court may grant reasonable visitation privileges to the grandparent or stepparent if the surviving parent or other person who has legal custody of the child has notice of the hearing and if the court determines that the visitation is in the best interest of the child.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ wish to petition the court pursuant to  
sec. 880.155 for visitation of *(please list child(ren)'s full name(s) first, middle, last)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I am the grandparent/stepparent *(please circle one)* of the above named child(ren). Due to  
death of the child(ren)'s mother/father *(please circle one)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*name of deceased parent first, middle, last*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date deceased*

I have been unable to visit the child(ren) and I am asking the court to grant visitation. I am  
unaware of any other proceedings involving the above named child(ren) and understand that  
because there are no other proceedings, I may petition the court pursuant to sec. 880.155.  
The child(ren) currently reside with

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Please name who the child(ren) reside with and their relationship to the child(ren))*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Please Fill in the address where the child(ren) reside)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(please give name of surviving parent first, middle, last)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Please give address of surviving parent)*